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This Week at EPA

Thank you to the 228 people who donated a total of \$127,089 to the Combined Federal Campaign, and to everyone who participated in our fundraising efforts! This will go a long way to meeting needs in our communities that are addressed by CFC charities. EPA Region 8 also achieved Gold Status, the highest level given, within the Rocky Mountain CFC! Thank you to everyone who participated!

Register Now for the NEJAC. The next National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) meeting is being held at the EPA Region 8 conference center on February 11-12, 2014. We encourage you to attend and to inform any of your stakeholders about this opportunity that might be interested in attending. Registration is required (even for Region 8 employees). [Click here](#) for more information, the agenda, and to register. Contact: Corbin Darling 312-6426.

Volunteers needed to help support the national environmental justice public meeting at Region 8 on February 11th and 12th! [Click here](#) for details and contact Jean Belille at 312-6556 if you can help.

Last Week for Fitness Center Renewal! Fitness Center sign-up and renewal is this month. For information about fees and sign-up requirements, go to the [Health & Wellness](#) page on the 8net and see "Fitness Center."

Weekly Activities Report. [Click here](#) to read the January 24th report.

2014 Cookie Sale: The Employees Association and the Federal Women's Program would like to announce the 2014 cookie sale! Treat your co-worker, friend or boss to a half dozen cookies. Each order is \$4.00. Orders are due February 5th to Marisa McPhilliamy (cubicle location 7288, 8P-AR). Cookies will be delivered on February 12th. Proceeds benefit "Bring Your Kids to Work Day" and other events. [Click here](#) and see the order form at the bottom of the page. Contacts: Marisa McPhilliamy at 312-6965 and Erin Barnes-Weaver at 312-6871.

Cookie Bakers Needed! EA/FWP needs your help with this year's annual cookie sale on February 12th, 2014. If you are interested in baking or helping sort and deliver, please contact Erin Barnes-Weaver at 312-6871.

Space Still Available: The Briefing Communication Workshop - February 4th & 5th from 8:30 am -5:00 pm. This is a highly interactive learning program for the EPA. This 2-day course uses a modular approach that combines oral communication exercises and personal coaching. The design is based on practical, hands-on exercises that build on each other as participants craft

a message, practice clarity in word and thought, and deliver current information in a concise and compelling way. Much of the instruction and coaching is individualized to address each participant's specific needs. The communication components focus on real topics that participants must communicate about on the job. Go to the 8net [Training page](#) and click on START to register or check out other trainings.

Wednesday, January 29th - MLK Observance Celebration from 11 am - 12 pm Denver time.

The HQ's observance program will be broadcast live on EPAtv at <http://epatv.epa.gov/>. Please note that EPAtv is only available onsite on EPA's network and is not available remotely. Employees who cannot view the event live will be able to watch the re-broadcast at 1:00 pm (eastern time?) the following day, or view it On-Demand at <http://intranet.epa.gov/media/video/iptv-on-demand.html> following the re-broadcast. See the Mass Mailer dated 1/23/14 for complete details.

Thursday, January 30th - Understanding Data Uncertainty – Why It's More Important Than We Think, sponsored by the R8 Scientific Integrity Workgroup from 12:00 -1:00 pm in the Bison/Bitterroot rooms.

Dr. Michael Hannigan, Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering at CU-Boulder and EPA collaborator, will present a lecture on the basic understanding of data uncertainty and why this is, and has been, an important topic for environmental science. Call-in #: (866) 299-3188, Conf Code: 303 312 6838 and webinar link is <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/r4nb8iwb5s6/>

Contact: Adam Eisele, 312-6838.

Looking Ahead.....

The 20th anniversary of EJ BrownBag will be hosted by the EJ Program on Tuesday, February 4th from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in the conference center. Community-based area non-profit, Groundwork Denver, will be discussing their work to improve physical environmental conditions and promote health in the Denver area. Additional brownbags will be held on February 18th and 25th. [Click here](#) for more details. Contact: April Nowak, 312-6528.

Sign Up Now for Preventing Workplace Violence Refresher Training - open to federal employees, SEEs and Contractors! Wednesday, February 5 from 9-10am in the conference center. The speaker, Dr. John Nicoletti, is a national expert in violence risk assessment and workplace violence prevention. Go to the [8net Training Page](#) and click on START to sign up. Contact: Michelle Parker, 312-6139.

Sign Up Now for Quality Assurance Core Training. This training is required every two years for all R8 employees involved with environmental data (i.e., project and contracting officers, inspectors, data entry staff, data users and analyzers, permit writers, project managers, etc.). The training will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014. Go to the [Training Page](#) on 8net and click on START to sign up. Contact Lee Hanley if you have questions, 312-6555.

PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING INTERNAL COMMUNICATION REQUESTS: Effective Sept. 3rd, 2013, requests for postings to This Week at EPA, the 8net, lobby monitor, voicemail broadcasts, NewsFlashes

(used by TMS), and use of the Atrium must be submitted via a new webform. The webform is located on the Internal Communications 8net page along with detailed information about each communication tool. Please do not use the r8ocpi@epa.gov email box any longer. If you have any questions, call Whitney Trulove-Cranor at 312-6099.